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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Lori Conine (Paris-Kansas) is an expert at stealing. But her thefts are not illegal, for they come on the basketball court.

Conine moved into second place on the EIU career steals list this season as she stole 50 balls from the opposition to raise her three-year total to 165. She also gave 224 points to the Panthers cause with an 8.0 scoring average.

"Lori is all intensity and desire," EIU head coach Bobbie Hilke said. "She really plays with abandon.

"She showed the ability to shoot from long range this season, which helped us break up some zone defenses," Hilke added.

Conine helped her team to a 16-12 record and a fifth-place Gateway Collegiate Conference finish with a 10-8 mark. She started 17 of Eastern's 28 contests at the point guard position and saw action in every game.

With the other four starters also returning for the 1984-85 season, Conine and her teammates hope to challenge for the GCAC title and an automatic bid to the 1985 NCAA national tournament.